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Quarterly 91P Branch Newsletter

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Branch News

Since our last newsletter the Radiology Branch has been in constant transition. The Program Director is MSG Carlos Solivan who reported to the Branch in May of 1999 from Seoul Korea. The NCOIC is MSG Edna Brehm and our 91P Enlisted Advisor is MSG Derek Dance at WRAMC. A special thanks is due to SFC Carl Mayberry. During SFC Mayberry's last year assigned, he held both positions of Program Director and NCOIC and did an excellent job.

I know I'm not alone when I say thanks to all those instructors who have departed in the last 2 years, since our last newsletter. Their contributions have contributed immensely to the success of our Radiology Program.

Words from the Program Director, MSG Carlos Solivan

Welcome to the Year 2000, a New Year and a New Century. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year's celebration.

As you can see the Radiology Branch has initiated the year with the return of its newsletter. This will become a continuing effort to bring the latest news to you, our readers, and to bring the radiology field closer together.

Announcements



A special welcome goes out to the Olson family, who recently had a new addition to their family. On Nov 4, 1999, SFC Olson's wife, Vickie, gave birth to a 4 lb 13 oz baby boy.

1st Annual Sergeant Audie Murphy Board

The 1st Annual Sergeant Audie Murphy Board was held Oct 99 where 13 candidates competed from all regions of the MEDCOM. The Board consisted of one-day CTT hands on testing and an Oral Board on the following day. MEDCOM is currently revising the LOI for the Board, which will be conducted biannually. SFC Davis-Jackson was instrumental in the development of the event. Thanks for your hard work SFC Davis-Jackson and once again it takes a Papa to get the ball rolling as usual.

Fort Sam Houston Post Basketball Team

Congratulations are in order for SFC Reeves for being selected to play on the Fort Sam Houston Post Basketball Team. Lead the way Papa!

Fort Sam Houston Youth Organization

SFC Marquez is making a difference by representing the Academy BN in the Youth Activities Counsel. The Counsel is crucial because it determines if the current programs meet the needs of our youth. It also examines changes in policies and or facilities for the youth of Ft Sam Houston. He is also the Head Coach of the Boys 11 & 12-year-olds basketball team. Another Papa getting involved in our community. Outstanding Job!

We hope that you share the newsletter with others in your Departments. The newsletter is not owned by the Radiology Branch but by those in the field of radiology. Help us make it a success by giving us your ideas and sending or calling us about news from your departments.

From the Desk of MSG Marvin H. Baker, USAMISSA

It has been brought to my attention that CHCS is not reporting all examinations that are being completed. The problem occurs when a patient has multiple examinations. When departing the patient, only the first exam is changed from arrived to examined. There is no workload credit for the other examinations. I guess BAMC and MAMC have corrected this problem. I would guess that other Army sites and DOD facilities are struggling with this issue. Please check your workload, and inform me if you need any further assistance.

MSG Marvin H. Baker, USAMISSA
DSN 471-9750 ext. 366

Hail!

Newly assigned instructors and the units they departed from:

SSG W. Griffin from Ft. Bragg, SC
SSG W. Hickman from Ft. Benning, GA
SSG M. Tavarez from Ft. Bragg, SC
SSG V. Williams from Ft. Huachuca, AZ

Farewell

The following instructors have recently departed:

SFC A. Kneiry to Ft. Stewart, GA
SFC C. Mayberry to Ft. Leonard Wood MO
SSG C. Backstrom to West Point, NY
SFC A. Crews to NCO Academy (ANCOC) Instructor
Ms. S. Emerich to Training Systems Support Branch, Dept. of Academic Support AHS
SSG S. Vargas (Retirement)

They were instrumental in the operation of the Branch and their skills and knowledge will be sorely missed. A special thanks is due and we wish them the best on their new assignments.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals on their selection and promotion to SFC:

SSG Hill, T.
SSG Ulmschneider, L.

DINPACS

Radiology Branch is in the process of purchasing a Computed Radiography Digital Imaging Network. The C.R. system will give Radiology Branch the ability to teach and orient the student radiographer on state of the art equipment that is being fielded in many medical facilities world wide. The system allows high resolution digital radiographs to be taken without the use of film or hazardous chemicals used in the development process. The network capabilities will allow anyone with access to view and manipulate the images remotely, ultimately saving much time and procedure in the process of diagnosis. The PA, PT and AP Branch will also take advantage of the systems network capabilities by presenting digital images over computer displays for class discussions, medical case presentations and diagnostic exercises. SSG Gould is spearheading this project, lead the way Papa.

Sixteenth Annual Military Continuing Education Seminar for Radiologic Technologists

The seminar provides each attendee 6 Continuing Education Credits. This seminar is free, but if you register, we expect you to honor your reservation. There are costs to us in printing nametags and certificates. No-shows deprive others of a chance to attend. POC for this seminar is Mr. John Mayes at DSN 471-7310 / 8597 or commercial (210) 221-7310 / 8597

Friday, 21 April 2000. Fort Sam Houston,
AMEDD Center & School

Unfortunately there are no seats available; waiting list currently has 80 names on it. Applications are available the last week of January each year, so keep an eye peeled to the web page for next year's seminar.

The Return of the Newsletter

The Branch newsletter is back in circulation. I am seeking information on your department such as pictures of your department and staff (any pictures will do), daily operations and other info on promotions, citations or awards. We can be contacted by mail at the below mentioned address or can be contacted on the Internet at

<http://radiology.amedd.army.mil/>

If you are sending any information regarding the newsletter please send it to :

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FY99 Distinguish Honor Graduates

X-1 PFC Benjamin R. Guillermo
 X-2 SPC Robin M. Kaylor
 X-3 PV2 Ray T. King
 X-4 PV2 Yahayra Y. Michel
 X-5 PV2 Alan M. Smith
 X-6 PV2 Timothy J. Butler
 X-7 SGT Chad E. Carr
 X-8 PV2 Laura K. Henderson
 X-9 PFC Nathan P. Hall

Honor Graduates

PV2 Theodore A. Thomas
 PV2 Daniel D. Cooper
 SPC Joseph S. Preze
 PV2 Kiesha C.K. Moorer
 PV2 David I. Chang
 SPC Gregory E. Duran
 PFC Angela M. Bompreszi
 SPC Trent D. Braud
 PFC Stacy R. Kirk

Transcript Request

To enable the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) to access its computerized files, retrieve data, and produce a transcript. They must have your social security number. The use of your Social Security number is necessary to make positive identification of individuals and records. Failure to provide the required information will complicate & delay your request for a copy of your transcript.

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ARRT Information

If you are a recent graduate of the Radiology Specialist Program. These are the steps you must follow to submit your, first time, application for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam. All first time applications must be endorsed by the Program Director prior to mailing it to the ARRT.

First you will need an application. If you do not have one, you can request an Examinee Handbook for Radiography from the ARRT.

Within its pages you will find an application as well as the information you will need when you mail your endorsed application to them.

Fill out the application. Attach your photo and have your application notarized. Send your notarized application with a self addressed stamped envelope to:

The Web



The Branch also has a Web page, which can be accessed through the Internet. SSG Vargas created our web page, a special thanks goes out to him for all of his hard work and inspiring ideas. We will miss him dearly. Friends may reach him at his email at svargas@intx.net. The newsletter and other information will be posted on the page and updated as needed. It will also have links to other radiology sites. Our Branch web page is at: <http://radiology.amedd.army.mil/>

We are reaching out to touch all radiology technologists from MEDCOM to TO&E and anybody else that we may have left out. Any person with Internet access can contact any of the Faculty staff via Outlook at the above mentioned address just substitute the instructor's rank, first name, last name or if you do not have Internet access you can contact us at our address.

NCO Radiology Management Courses

The Radiology Branch would like to thank everyone who participated in the Radiology Senior NCO Management Course, Professional PostGraduate Short Course (Clinical Support Services Course) that was presented this past year. Without your support and attendance these types of events would not be possible.

Senior NCO Radiology Management Course

This course is open to staff sergeants and above who hold the position of NCOIC / ANCOIC or a position of comparable status or responsibility. Applicants must have two years remaining in their current enlistment after completion of the course. The following documents must be submitted no later than 1 March 2000.

1. DA Form 3838-Application For Professional Training
2. Copy of DA Form 2A-Personnel Qualification Record
3. Copy of DA Form 2-1, Official Military Personnel Record

The dates for the next Senior Management Course is from 8 to 17 May 2000. For more information contact [SSG Vickie Williams](#) and [SSG Doug LeFevre](#) at DSN 471-7640/7602 or Commercial (210) 221-7640/7602

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**DO NOT SEND UNNOTARIZED APPLICATION,
CHECK/MONEY ORDER OR ENVELOPE ADDRESSED
TO THE ARRT, AS WE WILL RETURN YOUR
UNENDORSED APPLICATION TO YOU.**

Once we received your application, your information and eligibility will be verified. Your endorsed application will be mailed to you within 5 business days.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO REMEMBER

If your name is different on your application because you have legally changed your name after you completed the Radiology Specialist Program. Please indicate the name you were known by when attending the program.

Once you receive your endorsed application, follow the information within the Examinee Handbook for submitting your application. If you have any further questions about testing procedures, use of calculators, test sites, etc. contact the ARRT at the telephone number or address provided above.

ARRT RULES YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

5 Year Rule

Effective January 1, 1995, application for examination must be made within five years of graduation. This rule was passed in such a way that anyone graduating prior to January 1, 1995 was treated as if their graduation occurred on January 1, 1995 for the purpose of the five-year rule.

Three Attempt, Three Year Limit

Applicants who are eligible for examination will be allowed three attempts to pass the certification exam. Candidates must complete the three attempts within a three-year period of time. The three year period of time begins with the initial examination window start date. After three unsuccessful attempts or three years have expired, the individual is no longer eligible.

The individual may obtain eligibility to retake the examination one additional time if the individual submits documentation indicating completion of remedial activities acceptable to the ARRT following the last participation in the examination. The fourth attempt must occur within the one-year period following the third unsuccessful attempt. Those failing the fourth attempt, or waiting longer than one year following the third unsuccessful attempt, may only become eligible by re-entering and graduating from an accredited educational program.

For more information, contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

<http://www.arrt.org>

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Instructor Spotlight

SFC Steven R. Werth RT (R) (N) (CT)



“Once a Marine, well, you know the saying. In my heart, I am both a Soldier and a Marine and I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve as both.”

I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, 1949. Graduated High School in Columbus, Ohio. I joined the Marine Corps in 1966, attended Radio Operator School, San Diego, Ca., Infantry and Jungle Training, Camp Pendleton, Ca., and Vietnamese Language at DLIWC, Monterey, Ca., prior to going to Vietnam in November 1967.

I was assigned to the 1st Bn / 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, 1967, 1968. As a Radio Operator/ Forward Observer for squad/team to company size infantry missions, I plotted coordinates and called in fire support with mortars, artillery, close support air strikes and even naval gun fire from the battleship, New Jersey, two times during the Tet Offensive. Con Thien, Khe Sahn, C2, C2 Bridge, LZ Stud, were some of the firebases my unit occupied during 67,68, 69. That war was hard on so many and that’s all I’m going to say about that. I ETS’d on November 1970 as a Buck Sergeant E5.

A 17-year break-in-service followed the Marines. During this period, I worked in a variety of unfulfilling jobs that included construction work, factory work, deck hand, restaurant management and insurance/financial planning.

In 1987, age 38, I enlisted in the Army. Basic training all over again, but I was recognized as Soldier of the Cycle, so that was a great way to start. Fort Sam Houston for GMO and 91P training (P-10, 87) and recognized as Distinguished Honor Graduate.

Mr. Mayes will always be one of my personal heroes. He gives much more than he takes. My thanks to some others along the way include, Mr. Walter Deeg, Ms. Mary Brodbeck, Col. Turnbull, Col. Moreno, MSG Amado, MSG Berger, MSG. Bohnet, SSG Wood, SFC Hokanson, MSG Cook, MSG Hill and all my current leadership.

Army assignments: Camp Red Cloud, Korea 88-89, Ireland Community Army Hospital, Ft Knox 89-91, Nuclear Medicine Tech School, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland 91-92, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Ft Bliss, TX 92-97, Instructor, AMEDD Center and School, Radiology Branch, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 97 to present.

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to return and teach here at the AMEDD Center & School “The Academy” and give something back, following in the footsteps of so many outstanding instructors that have preceded me. At least I hope I’m giving back some of what I received. The Army has been the absolute best thing that has ever happened to me, except for my wife, Mary, of course. Coming back into the military changed my life for the better and that is part of what I share with these young students here at the Radiology Branch. So many soldiers (and marines) leave the military without anything to show for it. In our field, radiology, the possibilities are endless.

SUPPORT OUR ASRT MILITARY CHAPTER



The ASRT Military Chapter mission is to promote the goals, interests, and growth of the military technologist. There are nine Military CHP Delegates (3 Army, 3 Air Force, and 3 Navy) that represent their profession and you. The Radiology Branch WEB site has a link to the ASRT site, I encourage you to visit the site to learn more about the responsibilities the ASRT has to the profession and us. Why become members of the ASRT? To begin with, pride in your profession, continuing education credits, informative articles, representation in issues pertaining to the field, and we need to set the example for younger soldiers. Then it's safe to say that we should become a primary member of the Military Chapter to help best represents your interests, remember higher numbers of chapter members equal a louder voice in the house.

The requirements to become a Military Chapter Delegate are: you must be Active Duty, you must have been a member of the ASRT for 2 years or longer, and you must be registered.

The ASRT Conference 2000 kicks off in Albuquerque, N.M., home of the ASRT executive offices in June 3-8, 2000 with a theme of Old World, New World 72nd American Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference Offering Educational Courses, Workshops, Scientific Displays, Exhibit Hall.

The ASRT is the organization that recommends the direction the field should go and it is important for the military to have an equal voice. We need to increase our numbers as well as mentor our delegates to represent us in a manner to our satisfaction. There is strength in numbers so let's come together. I'll see you at the Military Chapter meeting 21 Apr 2000, and the ASRT Annual Conference.

Did you know that the ASRT has its own coin of excellence? More coming next issue.

Special thanks and love to my wife, Mary.

Steven R. Werth
SFC, USA

Tidbits from the Field

This column is dedicated to feedback from our loyal readers:

**Department of Radiology,
Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center,
FT Meade, MD**

Congratulations to Mrs. Bodil Tice who recently celebrated her 25th anniversary working in the Department of Radiology at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort G.G. Meade, MD. Mrs. Tice is a very special person who has shared a wealth of knowledge with all of us who have worked with her. Her dedication is evident in all her endeavors. Thanks, Mrs. Tice I will always remember you.

SFC Paul J. Orosz

Quote Of the Quarter

Procrastination is a habit, not a fatal flaw. It takes persistence to change, but you can do it.
(Editors note: "We'll tell you how another time . . . maybe.")